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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: PROGRAMME AND BUDGET: PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Austria*: draft decision

Programme of work of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decision 9/COP.1 on its programme of work,

Recalling also its decision 10/COP.1 on the review of the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling also its decision 11/COP.1 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation,

1. *Decides* to add the following items to the agenda of its third and, if necessary, its fourth session;

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected African country Parties on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes, including information on policies and budgetary allocations made in relation thereto;

(b) Review of reports by developed country Parties on measures taken to assist in the preparation and implementation of action programmes, including information on financial resources they have provided, or are providing, under the Convention;

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* On behalf of the European Community and its member States.

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(c) Review of information provided by relevant organs, funds, and programmes of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, on their activities in support of the preparation and implementation of action programmes under the Convention;

(d) Review of activities for the promotion and strengthening of relationships with other relevant conventions and relevant international organizations, institutions and agencies;

(e) Consideration of how to carry forward the development of procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention;

(f) Consideration of annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures, in accordance with article 28, paragraphs 2(a) and 6, of the Convention;

(g) Consideration of conclusions and recommendations by the Committee on Science and Technology relating to affected country Parties' experiences and constraints in the implementation of national action programmes, relating, *inter alia*, to traditional and local knowledge, know-how and practices;

(h) Consideration of experience with and approaches to the participative process in support of the preparation and implementation of national action programmes as reflected in affected country Parties' reports;

2. *Decides also* to add the following items to the agenda of its fourth and, if necessary, its fifth session:

(a) Review of reports on implementation of affected country Parties, in particular of regions other than Africa, on experience gained and results achieved in the preparation and implementation of national action programmes, including information on policies and budgetary allocations made in relation thereto;

(b) Review of the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism.